COMMUNITY & MINORITY ISSUES

PARADE CLEANUP

Jan 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:33)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that now that the Rose Parade is over, there is a lot of clean-up left from the event. The crowd was a bit smaller due to the chilly weather, but there where still hundreds of thousands of people in attendance.

ROSE BOWL PREPS

Jan 2, 9-10m newscast (TRT :37)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the streets of Pasadena were packed with sightseers and shoppers in town for the Rose Parade and the Rose Bowl Game. There were many activities that people could take part in. Organizers hope to do something similar next year even though the game and parade are on the same day.

STOLEN PRESENTS

Jan 2, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:47)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a family in Vermont had their Christmas gifts stolen from their balcony. They were hiding the bags from their children until they went to sleep. The bags with all the toys were found in an embankment and returned to the Danforth family.

JEWISH/ PALESTINIAN

Jan 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 reporter Nikki Jackson reported that two young men, Ori and Rami, are working hard to help Israelis and Palestinians live together in peace. They attended a discussion group in L.A. and then will head to New York and Boston for more talks on the "Oasis of Peace" Village they live in.

CA EMERGENCY LANDING

Jan 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:12)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a United Express Flight had to make an emergency landing due to hydraulic problems. The place was on its way from Los Angeles to San Jose and was able to make it all the way to San Jose without any problems. There were 33 people on the plane and no one was hurt.

DOG UPDATE

Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that 65-year-old Patricia Fraus pleaded no contest to four felony counts of animal cruelty. An anonymous tip led Animal Control Officers to her home in Ontario where they found 24 malnourished dogs. The animals were living in deplorable conditions and were in desperate need medical attention. Now the dogs are up for adoption.

CHEERLEADING BATTLE

Jan 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLauglin reported that a decision has been made about the Cheerleading Squad at an Orange County High School. However, the controversy is not over.

ALI HONORED

Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzalez reported that The City of Los Angeles is honoring boxing great Muhammad Ali. Mayor Jim Hahn, the LA City Council and the County Board of Supervisors proclaimed January 17th as "Muhammad Ali" Day. Ali will also be getting a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

NATIONAL GUARD

Jan 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :27)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that nearly 100 members of an Army National Guard Unit are shipping out. They will head first to San Luis Obispo for more training and then to the Middle East. This is not in response to the War on Terrorism; they will provide much needed security in the Middle East.

911 REMEBRANCE

Jan 9, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that State Lawmakers want to make September 11th a Day of Remembrance. They want to set the day aside for people who want to help out as volunteers in honor of those who died in the terrorist attacks.

DRUG FREE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Jan 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that students from Normandie Avenue elementary School pledged their support for a drug free Southland. Their proclamation was given in front of the L.A. County Board of Supervisor's who announced the start of "Drug Free Week" in Southern California.

HOMELESS REPORT

Jan 15, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 reporter Martin Johnson reported that California has been voted the meanest state in the union for the way it handles the homeless. A new report says that more cities are passing laws making illegal many of the things homeless do on the streets to survive.

LAPD UNION/PARKS

Jan 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :55)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Los Angeles Police Protective League stated that its members have lost all confidence in Chief Bernard Parks. Officials say 93 percent of officers voted "No Confidence" in Parks and his leadership. This is believed to be the first vote that seeks a Chief's resignation in the 80 year history of the Police Protective League.

ANIMAL TELETHON

Jan 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:28)

KCAL9 reporter Jane Velez-Mitchell reported that KCAL9 would broadcast a telethon to help thousands of abandoned dogs and cats.

BABY BURIALS

Jan 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell Jones reported that a woman has made it her mission to name and bury babies in Riverside County. These are babies who were abandoned and did not survive.

INMATE RELEASE

Jan 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:14)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that an Orange County man, who spent more than two years behind bars for armed robbery, will be set free. Prosecutors determined they had the wrong man and will ask a judge to overturn the conviction.

MASTADON BONES

Jan 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Mastadon Bones that were found in Eastern Ventura County would be headed for the L.A. County Museum of Natural History. It is a major discovery in California that is believed to be over 30 thousand years old.

MARTIN LUTHER KING BREAKFAST

Jan 11, 3-3:30pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that dozens gathered in Los Angeles to celebrate the $31^{\rm st}$ Annual YMCA "Brotherhood Breakfast." It is one of the largest observances of Doctor King's Birthday in Los Angeles.

DOG ADOPTIONS

Jan 11, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that two dozen abused and malnourished Saint Bernards are now up for adoption in the Inland Empire. The dogs are now happy and healthy despite their abusive past. More than 200 people have applied to adopt them.

CYBER SENIORS

Jan 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that dozens of retired doctors, nurses, teachers, and lawyers just completed a three-month computer training course. Among other basic instructions, they taught them how to surf the web. The training course was offered by Break-Away Technologies and the Oasis Senior Citizens Center in Baldwin Hills.

KINGDOM DAY PARADE

Jan 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that thousands of people lined the streets in the Crenshaw District for the Annual "Kingdom Day" Parade. There were more than a dozen marching bands that took part in the celebration.

COPTER CRASH

Jan 21, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:34)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that two marines from the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar were killed in a helicopter crash. The base also recently held memorial services for seven other Miramar Marines who died in a plane crash.

COUNTY RATING

Jan 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :17)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a survey of the State's 40 largest counties gave L.A. no better than a "C" in any of the assessed areas. The counties were assessed in "Financial Management," "Managing for Results," "Human Resource Management," "Information Technology Management," and "Capital Management."

PEDESTRIAN DEATH

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MUSLIM BILLBOARD

Feb 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a local Muslim group is launching a billboard campaign along Southland Freeways to promote tolerance and good relations between Muslims and their neighbors. The billboards show seven smiling Muslims one of whom is a young woman holding a US flag.

HAHN/BLACK HISTORY

Feb 1, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:34)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that LA Mayor Him Hahn announced some of the citywide events that would be occurring in honor of Black History Month. One of the events is a play about the life of Martin Luther King Junior that features his daughter, Yolanda King.

GAY ADOPTION

Feb 4, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:07)

KCAL9 reporter Dave Clark reported that the Nation's top association of pediatricians says that homosexuals make as good of parents as heterosexuals. The association is urging members to take an active role in supporting measures that allow gays to adopt.

CRIME TRACKING

Feb 6, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:17)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that seven communities would collaborate on a federal grant program to use computer technology to track regional crime problems.

BIG RIG CRACKDOWN

Feb 7, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the CHP is stepping up patrols and beginning a driver education campaign called "Road Share" that is aimed primarily at big rig drivers.

ROSA PARKS FREEWAY

Feb 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 reporter Kerry Kilbride reported that a major stretch of freeway that runs between the 405 Freeway and the Harbor Freeway has been renamed the Rosa Parks Freeway.

NEGRO LEAGUE

Feb 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that a tribute at Dodgers Stadium was given to honor the black athletes that participated in the Negro Leagues. The tribute was dubbed "The Game of the Century."

WW PROTEST

Feb 10, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that thousands of Iranian protestors showed up in Westwood to denounce the clerical regime of Iran that has been in place for 23 years. The LAPD was on hand to keep order and said the demonstration was peaceful.

HAHN CRIME

Feb 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :46)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Mayor Hahn wants to increase police patrols in 20 parks that have been having crime problems. This followed the mayor's refusal to endorse Police Chief Bernard Parks.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Feb 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:21)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Asian Lunar New Year began the Year of the Horse. There was a family-oriented festival in Los Angeles's Chinatown.

UNDERWEAR MARCH

Feb 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :38)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the second annual "March for Human Dignity" began at the courtyard of the central library in Downtown LA. Hundreds of people delivered clean clothes and hope to the homeless of skid row. The marchers walked a mile for the library to the LA Mission.

MORE COPS MARCH

Feb 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that people in Boyle Heights are speaking out for safer streets as the murder rate in that community is up.

DEREK PERRERA

Feb 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:09)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that Derek Parra of San Bernardino won the gold medal for the 1500-meter speed skate. He is the first to win two medals in the same year for the US in speed skating.

BIDDY MASON #3

Feb 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:16)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Pasadena artist Mark Venaglia will honor Biddy Mason by putting up a mural of her in Downtown LA. She will be painted as a frontier spirit, younger, prettier, prosperous, strong, and smiling.

DRUNKEN DRINKERS

Feb 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 4:56)

KCAL9 reporter David Goldstein reported that the LAPD is trying to stop bartenders and store clerks from serving customers who are obviously intoxicated. They will use the Drunk Decoy Program to try and cut down on drunk drivers.

BLACK HISTORY

Feb 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that unity through diversity was the message delivered at a Black History Month celebration in Torrance. KCAL's Dave Clark was the master of ceremonies and there were many awards presented to prominent Southland African Americans.

E-STALKING

Feb 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that almost half a million people would be victims of online cyber-stalking. The deputy district attorney says victims of Internet harassment should file a police report and keep a record of what is happening.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Feb 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Supreme Court refuses to be drawn into a debate over whether Indiana Governor Frank O'Bannon can put up a seven-foot stone monument on the Statehouse Grounds in Indianapolis. The Supreme Court will not hear arguments on either side.

LA INEFFICENCY

Feb 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :15)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the City of LA ranked seventh out of the state's ten largest cities when it comes to city-government efficiency. LA ranked last in police, fire, water, solid waste, and fleet management.

CHARGERS LA

Feb 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the San Diego Chargers could relocate their summer training camp to the LA area. The team is interested in moving to the new sports complex at Cal State Dominguez Hills that should be finished in 2003.

POLICE RECRUIT

Feb 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that Los Angeles received a 133 million dollar grant to help with police recruitment. The department has only used four million and the city has one year left to spend the remainder of the money on recruitment efforts.

BLACK HISTORY STAMP

Feb 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that Langston Hughes was honored with his own postage stamp. The stamp was unveiled at the African-American Firefighter's Museum.

NURSING HOMES

Mar 3, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:21)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a Senate Committee is investigating charges of physical and sexual abuse inside the Nation's Nursing Homes.

SO CAL PRIEST

Mar 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that as many as a dozen local priests are being forced out of the clergy because they were accused or convicted of sexual abuse. This action marks the Catholic Church's "No Tolerance" Policy.

STRIP CLUB PROTEST

Mar 5, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that hundreds of citizens in Pico Rivera are protesting in front of the Imperial Girls Strip Club. The city council is expected to pass an emergency ordinance that will eventually lead to new zoning laws that would prevent strip clubs from moving to industrial areas.

CRACKHOUSE

Mar 7, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that an abandoned house was bulldozed because it was a suspected crack house in Monterey Hills. The demolition inaugurates a new program to help Los Angeles communities deal with crime problems.

MEGANS LAW

Mar 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that it would now be easier to learn about sex offenders under California's Megan's Law. The information about rapists and child molesters is available to the public at police and sheriff's stations.

BABY GIRAFEE

Mar 12, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new Giraffe named, Pepper-You-Cah, was born at the LA Zoo. The giraffe weighed 140 pounds and can be seen by taking one of the zoo's wild animal park photo caravan tours.

GROVE OPENS

Mar 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that The Grove, a new open air urban shopping and entertainment district, is now open.

SWEET ALICE

Mar 18, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante named community activist "Sweet Alice" Harris, Woman of the Year. Harris founded "Parents of Watts" to encourage children to stay in school and away from drugs.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR

Mar 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Los Angeles Police Department honored more than two dozen people for their outstanding leadership and work ethic. The awards were for Civilian Employee of the Year and Community Volunteers.

MAYOR TRAFFIC

Mar 20, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Mayor Hahn announced the second phase of his plan to improve to total of fifty intersections throughout the city.

ANDERSON PROTEST

Feb 22, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :33)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that about two thousand Arthur Andersen employees fear losing their jobs because of the Enron scandal. They are planning a series of demonstrations to ask businesses and prosecutors not to destroy the good with the bad.

DISASTER DRILL

Mar 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:20)

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Leanne Suter reported that in Riverside, emergency crews are testing how they would deal with a chemical attack.

MILTON BERLE

Mar 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 4:13)

KCAL9 reporter Cary Berglund reported that both Milton Berle and Dudley Moore have died. They were both men who made generations of Americans laugh.

MAHONY MASS

Mar 28, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:10)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Cardinal Roger Mahony celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper at Our Lady of Peace Church in North Hills. The mass refers to the Last Supper in which Jesus refereed to the sacrament of his body and his blood for those around him.

CHAVEZ PARK

Mar 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a park in the City of South Gate was dedicated in memory of Cesar Chavez. The park has soccer fields, a concrete picnic pad, restroom facility, and benches.

CLINIC PROTEST

Mar 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 reporter Leyna Nguyen reported that protesters chanted and held picket signs to prevent the closing of a popular medical clinic. The clinic may close because of lack of money.

STOP THE KILLIN

Mar 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :26)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that hundred went to Leimert Part to protest gang violence. The rally was a kick-off of an aggressive citizen's campaign to return safety to the community.

FATHER DOLLAR

Mar 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :29)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that Father Maurice Chase handed out 15 thousand dollars in cash to people on skid row who really needed it. The money is donated by a number of local celebrities and business moguls.

CHAVEZ FESTIVAL

Mar 31, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the First Annual Cesar Chavez Community Festival occurred. The Chavez Holiday was signed into law in 2000 as a day to celebrate his life and accomplishments.

ENVIRONMENT

AUSTRALIA FIRES

Jan 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that for the tenth straight day more than 100 brush fires are burning out-of-control neat Sydney, Australia. The smoke is causing poor visibility and is covering huge sections of the countryside. Police have discovered the remains of two homemade bombs which may have been used to start the fires.

SHARK ATTACK

Jan 2, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:10)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that 35-year-old Thomas Holmes from North Hollywood is recovering after a shark attack in Hawaii left him with a two-inch cut and several scratches. Holmes was in about 50 feet of water when the shark attacked him.

SNOW SURVEY

Jan 3, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :7)

KCAL9 weather caster Marti Skold reported good news regarding the state water supply. According to state water officials who just finished the snow pack survey, the supply is 175 percent of normal.

OLIVE FRUIT FLY

Jan 7, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :15)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Sonoma County Olive Growers are trying to put together a plan that will help them fight the Olive Fruit Fly. The fly, which comes form the Mediterranean, turned up in California about three years ago.

HOW STAR IS BORN

Jan 8, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that based on images from the Hubble Telescope, scientists have determined that distant galaxies could contain more stars than previously thought. The findings could even do away with current theories on the origin of stars.

ASTEROID MISS

Jan 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:11)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an asteroid named 2001 Y-B 5 came within five hundred twenty thousand miles of the earth. Astronomer's discovered the asteroid on December 26th, but had determined that there was no danger it would strike the earth.

EL NINO DAMAGE

Jan 10, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 weather caster Marti Skold reported that warming waters in the Pacific might be a warning sign for the return of El Nino. El Nino's effects could be felt in early spring, but the US would probably be spared the characteristic rains and high surf until this fall.

PREGNANT WHALE

Jan 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :16)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Veterinarians at Sea World have artificially inseminated another Killer Whale named Takara. She was injected in November 2000 and is expected to give birth this spring.

SPACEWALK

Jan 15, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :25)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the first space walk of the New Year was successful. An American Astronaut and Russian Cosmonaut needed to move a construction crane and install a radio antenna on the International Space Station. The crew will remain in space until May.

OIL PARK

Jan , 4-5pm newscast (TRT :42)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the remnants of an oil field operation would finally be removed from Culver City Park. Neighbors of the park have been complaining for years about the deserted oil field which will not be totally removed for several months.

BEE ATTACK

Jan 23, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:42)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a ten-year-old Southland boy is recovering from a vicious bee attack. The attack happened on the playground of Rowland Avenue Elementary School in West Covina. Experts say that they are fairly certain that the bees were the aggressive "Killer" Bees.

VOLCANOES GORILLAS

Jan 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:41)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Aid Agencies are distributing food in the Democratic Republic of Congo due to a devastating volcano eruption. The volcano is also posing some danger to the region's population of Mountain Gorillas.

CAR EMISSIONS

Jan 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that state lawmakers are considering tougher emission standards for cars. Legislators are concerned that Carbon Dioxide levels are contributing to global warming. The warming melts the snow pack, which in turn reduces our water supplies.

LATEST QUAKES

Jan 30, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :29)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that for three straight days some Southern Californians have been feeling aftershocks from the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. Experts say that this does not mean a bigger earthquake is on the way.

COLD WEATHER

Jan 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that cold winter air has settled over the Southland. In some parts temperatures have dipped below freezing. Due to the icy conditions, the CHP shut down the 5 Freeway over the Grapevine and the 15 Freeway over the Cajon Pass.

HEATER FUMES

Feb 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a Paramount family was hospitalized after a faulty heater dispersed Carbon Monoxide fumes throughout their house. Four of the family members remain hospitalized. The Gas Company offers free inspections of gas heaters and suggests that they be inspected.

ANAHEIM HILLS FIRE

Feb 11, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that 450 firefighters are fighting a large fire in Orange County that has already consumed 2400 acres in Anaheim Hills. It is not clear how or where the fire started.

VAULT TONIGHT

Feb 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that two workers are being treated at the Grossman Burn Center after two DWP underground vaults exploded.

INDIAN POINT LEAK

Feb 14, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:11)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that radioactive coolant is leaking from the Indian Point Nuclear Plant that is located 35 miles from New York City. The company that owns the plant says there is no danger, but health officials plan to hand out Potassium Iodine Pills to help fight radiation sickness.

SO LA FUMES

Feb 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:29)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that 30 residents of a neighborhood in South Los Angeles were forced to evacuate their homes for about seven hours due to mysterious fumes. Officials say the odor was due to a capped well and leaking methane gas at a tank farm near El Segundo and the Harbor Freeway.

MARS WATER

Jan 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:13)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the Odyssey Spacecraft is looking for hidden pockets of water on Mars. If the planet has enough water, it could support life now or may have supported life in the past.

BUTTERFLIES

Feb 18, 3-4pm newscast (TRT :28)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that some researchers are using butterflies as proof of global warming. They are considered an "indicator" species because they are sensitive to small changes in the climate.

GLASSYWING SHARPSHOOTER

Feb 20, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 reporter Mario Martinoli reported that a tiny insect, the "Glassy Winged Sharpshooter," has already destroyed millions of dollars in California grapes. The Stingless Wasp, a natural predator of the Sharpshooter, was released to help stop the spread of the insect. The Sharpshooter has not yet been found in Napa Valley.

MEXICALI QUAKE

Feb 22, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:27)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a magnitude 5.7 earthquake was centered in the Mexicali Desert. The initial quake was followed by numerous aftershocks. There were no reports of injuries or damages.

NEW COMET

Feb 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a new comet has been discovered. It was first seen by some amateurs in Japan and China and named after them. Astronomers say it may have also visited the Earth 500 years ago.

BEST BEACHES

Feb 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:50)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that a new list has been released naming America's Top Ten Beaches. Water quality, the sand's softness, and the area's safety were some of the factors used to rank the beaches. The two California beaches on the list are Coronado Beach and Newport Beach.

BRIGHT MOON

Feb 27, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:12)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the brightest and nearest moon of the year would occur tonight. The moon will shine 20 percent brighter and look 10 percent bigger than usual.

MT KILAHUEA

Feb 27, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a 72 square mile piece of Hawaii's Kilauea Volcano slipped three and a half inches toward the sea. If the whole landmass was to fall into the ocean, it could trigger a tsunami that may endanger the California Coastline.

CONDOR

Mar 5, 3-4pm newscast (TRT:10)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that biologists at the San Diego Zoo discovered the first California Condor eggs of this year's breeding season. It is a good sign that the condors finally appear to be reproducing on their own.

SPACEWALK

Mar 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that an astronaut on the space shuttle Columbia guided a crewmember through the installation of another "wing" on the Hubble Space Telescope. The wings will help the telescope become more energy efficient.

HUBBLE WORK

Mar 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :10)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the mission to upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope has been a huge success. Astronauts installed a new cooling system to revive an infrared camera.

SIERRA AVALANCHE

Mar 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that an avalanche killed a snowboarder at the "Sugar Bowl Ski Resort" near Lake Tahoe. The victim's companions were able to escape from the danger area to safety.

COLUMBIA LANDS

Mar 12, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:21)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a group of astronauts took a night shuttle home to Cape Canaveral, Florida. The astronauts performed five space walks to repair and upgrade the Hubble Space Telescope, making it ten times more powerful.

DOLPHINS

Mar 19, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that over one hundred dolphins followed a ship as it sailed from the Redondo Beach Marina.

AFGHAN QUAKE

Mar 26, 9-10pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that an earthquake hit a mountain village in Northern Afghanistan. It is believed that hundreds were killed.

BRIGHT COMET

Mar 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Jaime Garza reported that around April 4th one of the brightest comets to pass the Earth, Ikeya-Zhang, could be seen just before dawn. Scientists think it last flew by the Earth about 350 years ago.

EDUCATION / YOUTH

EDUCATION BILL

Jan 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that President Bush kept his promise with a New Federal Plan to spend 26 Billion Dollars on Education Reform. The President signed the Education Bill into law at a school desk in the school gymnasium.

TUITION HIKES

Jan 8, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that some schools in Ohio, Missouri, South Carolina, and Massachusetts are raising tuition mid-year to make up for state budget cuts.

SCHOOL SHAKEUP

Jan 11, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:43)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported officials are removing principles and teachers from their positions as part of a campaign to make schools better. If the district does not raise test scores, then Government funding for education will also be cut.

SCHOOL CUTS

Jan 16, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that the LA Unified School District could face a budget cut of more than 100 million dollars. District officials are meeting to figure out how to offset this possible 133 million-dollar deficit.

IMMIGRANT TUITION

Jan 17, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the U.C. Board of Regents approved a plan to give illegal immigrants a break on tuition fees. Governor Davis and the State Legislature approved a similar measure for CSU and Community College campuses that went into effect this year.

LAUSD BUDGET

Jan 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :45)

KCAL9 anchor Kelly Kilbride reported that the LAUSD School Superintendent, Roy Romer, and the LA School Board met to discuss what to cut and how much can be saved due to the proposed 130 million-dollar budget cut. District Officials have stated that they would protect core academic programs from the cuts.

TRUANT PARENT

Jan 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :32)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that parents now being held responsible when their children are truant from school. The so-called Truancy Response Project targets habitually absent students and their parents.

SEX SURVEY

Jan 23, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :12)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the controversy regarding a Mental Health Therapist at Mesquite School has hopefully come to an end. She outraged some parents by asking students as young as ten years old questions about their sexuality in a survey for her Ph.D.

SAT CHANGE

Jan 30, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :13)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the UC Faculty Committee met to recommend dropping the SAT and replacing it with a new exam. If the Academic Council agrees to the change, then it will be forwarded to the Board of Regents who has the final say.

YES PAL STUDENT

Feb 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that a program sponsored by the Youth Educational Sports Police Activities League or "YES PAL" delivered bikes to students. The program promotes education and creates a positive relationship between police officers and youth. In order to receive a bike, the students had to maintain above-average grades and demonstrate good behavior in school and on bikes.

DAYCARE STUDY

Feb 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :26)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that Orange County ranks last when it comes to the number of state licensed child-care slots available to children who need them. Only 14 percent of childcare needs are being met there. L.A. County was not much better, ranking 56th out of 58.

CHILD SEATS

Feb 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that researches from the National Safe Kids Campaign observed more than nine thousand kids in cars and found that nearly fifty percent of the time, children were not properly restrained. Experts say more than half of the children killed in car accidents each year are not restrained at all.

TEACHERS BONUSES

Feb 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the bonuses awarded to teachers who raise student test scores are being cut from the budget. This is not the only program to be affected; Governor Gray Davis approved 2.2 billion dollars in cuts.

CONSTITUTION

Feb 8, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:22)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that some students from Centennial High in Bakersfield came in first in a contest that tested their knowledge of the constitution. The Bakersfield students will go to the nationals in May.

ECSTACY ADS

Feb 11, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 1:27)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the number of teens using Ecstasy is on the rise. The number of could double in five years. In an effort to stop the problem, anti-drug advocates are launching a national campaign against Ecstasy.

JOB SHADOWING

Feb 13, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that "Job Shadowing Day" is a day when kids get to follow someone through their workday. This is the fifth year of the National Job Shadow Day and it was estimated that one million children took part.

BOY DELIVERS BABY

Feb 15, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:13)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that it was quick thinking on the part of a nine-year-old Hesperia boy who helped deliver his baby sister safely by calling 911 on Valentines Day.

TEACHING FRIENDSHIP

Feb 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :34)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Principle of a school in Illinois has devised ways to improve the children's social skills. She now spends as much time tracking their friendships as she does tracking their grades. She believes that children with poor social skills are more likely to become violent or depressed.

SEX CLASSES STOPPED

Feb 18, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:31)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that a sex class at UC Berkley, created so men could learn more about their bodies and sexuality, has been canceled after some serious allegations. The professor and students were taking part in inappropriate behavior. The course was run by students and sponsored, but not funded by the University.

DOWNLOAD DANGER

Feb 18, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 4:05)

KCAL9 reporter Jay Jackson reported that Internet file swapping continues even after the shutdown of Napster. The new technology is called "Peer to Peer" and is simple to find. It is critical that parents monitor what their children find on the Internet.

STUDENT DEATH

Feb 20, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:24)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that the death of 15-year-old Ricardo Martinez remains a mystery. Martinez fell off a locker room bench and collapsed. Family members say he did not have a history of health problems or drug use.

COLLEGE MONEY

Feb 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:18)

KCAL9 Dave Clark reported that the CAL Grant program has millions of dollars set aside to help needy college students. It provides scholarships for high school students with a "C" average or higher.

BELMONT

Feb 26, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :30)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that LAUSD Superintendent has hired a contractor to complete the controversial Belmont Learning Center. The worked stopped in 1998 when tests showed the property contained potential toxic chemical compounds. A vote will be made to determine if construction on Belmont will resume.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Feb 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported a study at Columbia University found that underage drinking among America's teens increases every year. More than five million teens said they binge-drink once a month. The study also found that 25 percent of all alcohol is sold to people who are underage.

SKATEBOARD SCHOOL

Mar 4, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Inland Empire Reporter Leanne Suter reported that kids might be putting themselves at risk for serious injury when they use skateboards and scooters. There are new safety guidelines for scooters and skateboards to help reduce the risk.

TEACHER DRESS CODE

Mar 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:13)

KCAL9 anchor Dilva Henry reported that teachers working for the Downey School Unified School District might have to adhere to a dress code. Board members say educators should wear clothing that demonstrates a high regard for education.

SCHOOL SALARIES

Mar 5, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:21)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Clark reported that a survey by the "Daily News" found that more than one thousand Los Angeles Unified School District employees have moved beyond a salary of one hundred thousand dollars a year. However, the average teacher salary is still under forty-six thousand a year.

BUSH TEACHERS

Mar 5, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:45)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that President Bush is holding a summit at the White House on hiring and training teachers. Bush has committed three billion dollars in grants to recruit and hire new teachers.

BELMONT VOTE

Mar 12, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 2:10)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that the LA School Board decided to go ahead with the costly Belmont Learning Complex after construction was stopped because toxic chemicals were found seeping out of the ground. It could cost an additional 85 million dollars, on top of what has already been spent, to finish the project.

CAMPUS CELL PHONE

Mar 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that a group of students from California is trying to get the State Legislature to lift the ban on cell phones in schools. The students say cell phones can be helpful in life or death situations.

LA READS

Mar 14, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Ray Bradbury's <u>Fahrenheit</u> 451 has been the first book selected for a citywide book club that begins in April. The program is called "One Book One City" and began a few years ago in Seattle.

STANDARDIZED TESTS

Mar 21, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :38)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that students say they are tired of taking tests. They face three versions of SAT's, Golden State Exams, Exit Exams, and more. The state has begun a program to consolidate the tests.

FL. SIMULATION

Mar 26, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that US Air Force Representatives took a "Flight Simulator" to the Saint Genevieve High School campus in Panorama City. Students learned that the air force and armed forces have programs that allow them to get important career training and a college education.

TEEN DRIVING

Mar 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that more than seventy percent of teens say they have been involved in drunk driving, drag racing, and recklessness behind the wheel. More than 3500 teens were killed in the year 2000 and 350,000 were injured.

TV VIOLENCE

Mar 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that children who watch television more than an hour a day during early adolescence are more likely to be violent later in life. Columbia University Researchers followed 700 young people for seventeen years.

TEACHERS DRESS

Mar 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 2:08)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that some teachers are not happy with the proposed dress code they will have to follow. The principle at Mount Vernon Middle School does not want to lose any of his teachers, so if they do not sign the form he will go to the district and ask for modifications.

CONSUMER ISSUES & ECONOMICS

NEW LAWS

Jan 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :14)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that new laws have gone into affect in California. The laws include junk food will no longer be sold at elementary schools and you must be 21 or older to get a Handgun Safety License.

6/60 CHILD SEAT

Jan 1, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:31)

KCAL9 reporter Sandra Mitchell reported that a new law has been enforced involving children's car seats.

EURO

Jan 2, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the Euro has officially become a reality across 12 European countries. There have been complaints that there is not enough of the new currency in circulation, but overall the roll out has been considered a success.

MINIMUM WAGE

Jan 3, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that on January 1st the state minimum wage rose from six twenty-five to six seventy-five an hour.

YOUR MONEY

Jan 7, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that a Downey Company wants to expand its line of discount furniture, which will mean more deals and jobs. Government figures show that factories are also starting to offer more work, which is a sign that the worst of the recession may be behind us.

INTERNATIONAL TERMINALS

Jan 9, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that a Justice Department Report states the inspection areas for international passengers at the airport are badly designed. The design could make it possible for passengers to sneak past security and hide contraband.

LEXUS REPORT

Jan 9, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:55)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that a Wall Street rebound is in the works. Technology stocks and Computer Software stocks are strong and are leading the market.

SHOP LA

Jan 10, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:46)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that a five-day special sale would occur at 19 malls in L.A. County. It is hoped the event, called Shop L.A. County, will enable customers to get great bargains while helping the economy at the same time.

HOUSING

Jan 11, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan made a speech on the State of the Economy and what is likely to happen in the upcoming months. Among the other issues discussed he also stated that the recession is expected to last a little longer even though there have been signs of recovery.

VOLKSWAGEN RECALL

Jan 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :18)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Volkswagen has recalled the Beatle, Jetta, and Golf due to problems with their Emissions Control Systems. The recall affects cars made in 1999-2001.

ENRON LESSONS

Jan 15, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:51)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Federal Bankruptcy Law helps protect workers when a bankruptcy occurs. Employees have certain rights and the money due them comes before other claims when a company goes bankrupt.

FREEWAY EXITS

Jan 16, 10-11pm newscast (TRT :48)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that new legislation calls for transportation officials to add numbers to all the exit signs on state and interstate freeways. Most other states already number their offramps; the program should be complete in California in three years.

SHOP LA

Jan 17, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the five-day super sale at 19 area shopping malls is now in progress. LA Mayor Jim Hahn is promoting the sale to help retailers after a disappointing holiday season. Stores are offering extra discounts and part of the money will benefit a children's reading program.

ATM FEES

Jan 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that there is an effort underway to re-instate a ban on ATM fees in San Francisco and Santa Monica. Several states already ban the fees.

MEXICO TRAVEL

Jan 21, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :35)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that Mexico is one of the few destinations where tourism numbers have stabilized since September 11th. Mexico is still a big draw because of its climate, beaches, and history.

SURPLUS FURNITURE

Jan 21, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 2:05)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that furniture from some of the finest hotels is for sale in the Hotel Surplus Outlet near Downtown L.A. The furniture includes armoires, mini bars, and desks.

FTC TELEMARKETING

Jan 23, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Federal Trade Commission is asking the government to set up a national "Do Not Call" database. By making one call to an 800 number, Telemarketers across the country would be notified not to call your phone number. Telemarketers who ignore the list will face substantial fines.

WAGE GAP

Jan 24, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :43)

KCAL9 anchor David Gonzales reported that the wage gap between men and women is bigger now than it was five years ago. A Congressional study of ten industries showed that full time female managers earned less than their male counterparts in all ten fields.

VALENTINE JEWELS

Jan 25, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 money reporter Jerry Dunphy reported that despite the recession men are still out shopping for Valentine's Day gifts. Jewelry vendors at the Anaheim market place say that they are able to keep their prices low because their costs are also lower.

TOBACCO TAX

Jan 28, 4-5pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 reporter Marti Johnson reported that Anti-Smoking Groups want to increase the cigarette tax to the dismay of cigarette manufacturers. They hope raising the tax will prevent young people from smoking and even force others to quit.

PRPDUCT RECALLS

Jan 29, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that the product recall system used to get faulty items off the market does not always work. There are still many unsafe products on the market. There are plans being worked to change the system.

HOME BUYING

Jan 29, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that a plan called "The Los Angeles Workforce Initiative Network" was designed by government and business leaders to help middle-income workers find affordable housing.

OVERCHARGING

Jan 30, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:55)

KCAL9 reporter Jamie Garza reported that consumers are complaining about being overcharged by local retail stores. L.A. County Supervisors have a new plan they hope will stop the overcharging.

INVESTORS ENRON

Jan 30, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:42)

KCAL9 reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the Enron scandal has had a big impact on the way individual investors handle their money on Wall Street. One of the number one rules among investors is to not put all your eggs in one basket, but instead to spread your money among different investments.

AMTRAK

Feb 1, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that Amtrak is slashing about four percent of its workforce and has threatened to derail several routes. The railroad will discontinue an unspecified list of long distance, overnight train service in October if Congress does not give it 1.2 billion dollars for the next budget year.

FORD LOSES

Feb 1, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:30)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that a jury in Barstow reached a decision regarding a case that involved a California couple that suffered severe injuries in 1997 during a rollover accident. The juror rules that the Ford Explorer did have a design defect, but it did not cause the accident.

401K REFORM

Feb 4, 12-1pm newscast (TRT :56)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that President Bush hopes to enlist reforms that will prevent a recurrence of the financial wipe out that many employees of Enron suffered and will help workers manage their pension money. The key reform would allow workers to sell the company stock they are given by their employers.

LOW INCOME HOME

Feb 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:58)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that a program called the Enterprise Home Ownership Partners or EHOP is made up of government and private businesses that helps refurbish abandoned homes and then help low and middle income families buy them.

ID THEFT

Feb 5, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:28)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that the Federal Trade Commission has created a document that can be used to notify credit bureaus, lenders, and merchants of an identity theft. The FTC is working to get all businesses to accept the new form.

TOASTER RECALL

Feb 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:26)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that the Federal Government is recalling more than two million "Black and Decker" toasters. The toasters have been linked to nine fires. The model affected is the "Versa Toast" wide slot toaster that was sold between January 1999 and January 2002.

CHILD SAFETY SEATS

Feb 7, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:40)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that researchers from the National Safe Kids Campaign observed more than nine thousand kids in cars and found that in nearly 50 percent of the situations the children were not restrained properly. Experts say that more than half of the children killed each year in motor vehicle accidents are not restrained at all.

KCAL/VIACOM

Feb 13, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:17)

KCAL9 anchor Kerry Kilbride reported that Viacom is buying KCAL TV for 650 million dollars in cash. Viacom also owns KCBS Channel 2, Paramount Studios, MTV, Blockbuster, BET, Nickelodeon, and many other media outlets.

CHAMPAGNE PRICES

Feb 15, 2-3pm newscast (TRT 3:02)

KCAL9 reporter Lora McLaughlin reported that there are many choices when it comes to picking out a bottle of Champagne. The prices run from a few dollars into the hundreds of dollars, but there are ways to find good champagnes that will not empty your wallet.

EDISON BETTER

Feb 18, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:38)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Edison is close to finishing a financial redistribution plan that will allow it to pay off its debts from the energy crisis and putt off threats of bankruptcy. As Edison improves its financial situation it will likely pay less for power, which in turn can mean lower customer bills.

TRAVEL DEALS

Feb 19, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:49)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that airlines would remain competitive this spring and summer due to the tentative settlement between United Airlines and its mechanics and baggage handlers. Travel experts are expecting more deals in the weeks ahead because airlines are still fighting for passengers.

HOME SALES

Feb 20, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:14)

KCAL9 money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that home sales in California hit a record high in January. Sales were up 22 percent from last year and with the soaring sales, home prices continue to increase as well.

ROLLOVERS

Feb 22, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 1:26)

KCAL9 anchor Sylvia Lopez reported that SUV's are more dangerous than passenger cars due to their increased rollover risk while driving. A government group wants to revamp the rating system to tell consumers how vehicles perform under actual driving conditions.

SCHOOL NUTRITION

Feb 26, 2-3pm newscast (TRT:20)

KCAL9 Mia Lee reported that the Food Research and Action Center says that more Americans could be taking part in Federal Nutrition Programs. These programs include free and reduced price school meals and food stamps. The House and Senate are both considering bills that include food stamp reforms.

STUN GUNS

Feb 28, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that United Airlines has bought 1500 stun guns and their pilots will soon be trained on how to use the weapons. When taser guns are approved by the FAA it plans on having two on board each plane.

LAUSD LAYOFFS

Feb 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT:15)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that the LA Daily News stated that a memo from LA School Chief Roy Romer said that 2500 administrators and as many as 200 school nurses, counselors, and teachers may be laid off. Romer lashed out at the report saying it was a discussion, not a plan of action.

EDISON FOLO

Mar. 4, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:52)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported new information about southern California Edison. The utility sys residents are moving further from a power crisis and even the summer months look good.

MCDONALD'S FRIES

Mar. 7, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 Dave Gonzales reported that McDonald's is going to spend 10 million dollars to settle a lawsuit filed by vegetarians. The group accused the chain of concealing the use of beef extract in their fries. The settlement would have McDonald's to pay 10 million dollars to charities that support vegetarianism, offer a public apology and form an advisory board to counsel the company on vegetarian dietary issues.

RENT LIST FOLO

Mar. 7, 8-9pm newscast (TRT 2:54)

KCAL9 Investigative reporter David Goldstein reported that an unlicensed rental-listing agency is coming under fire from the state attorney general's office because of KCAL9's undercover investigation. Tower Information and Rent Pro in Montclair are going to be shut down.

MINORITY LOANS

Mar. 8, 9-10pm newscast (TRT:35)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that congresswoman Maxine Waters and an official with the Fannie Mae Company announced some new mortgages that are available. The "easy access mortgage pilot" and the timely payment reward" programs will offer minorities in Los Angeles who have impaired credit, more alternatives.

KMART CLOSURES

Mar. 8, 10-11pm newscast (TRT 1:40)

KCAL9 Inland Empire reporter Leanne Suter reported that 280 KMART stores across the country will close, including 10 in Southern California. The bankrupt chain announced it will shut down and layoff thousands of workers. She reports from Highland.

STOCKS 6 MONTHS

Mar. 11, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:44)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that 6 months after the 911 attacks that closed the stock market things have changed and the market has fully recovered.

AIRLINE FORECAST

Mar. 12, 2-3pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported the airline industry, devastated by last year's terrorist attacks, isn't expected to recover until at least next year. The FAA says the airlines probably won't get back to their pre-September 11th numbers until 2003.

MEDICARE DISCOUNT

Mar. 13, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :31)

KCAL9 Medical reporter Dilva Henry reported on a new study that says many Medicare patients are not getting the pharmacy discounts they are entitled to under state law. The most affected are low-income seniors who really could use the price break.

MORTGAGE RATES

Mar. 13, 9-10pm newscast (TRT 1:48)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that the mortgage market seems to have stabilized. That's good news for a wide range of consumers in the home loan market, including consumers with credit problems.

FCC INTERNET

Mar. 14, 12-1pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported the FCC has made a big decision that could affect how you and your family access the Internet. The FCC says it is okay for cable TV companies to use their lines to offer internet access and they do not have to let other internet companies have access to those lines like telephone companies do.

B of A DEPOSITS

Mar. 28, 8-9pm newscast (TRT :15)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that Bank of America says its operations are back to normal after a very hectic weekend. A computer error caused thousands of bank checks to disappear and some customers reported missing money.

GUN SALES

Mar. 18, 10-11pm newscast (TRT:25)

KCAL9 anchor Pat Harvey reported that despite a brief surge following the September 11th attacks, handgun sales California have dropped to an all time low. Gun sales spiked to about 9200 a week following the terrorist attacks, but were still down 23 percent for the year. That is the fewest since 1972 when record keeping began.

INTEREST RATES

Mar. 19, 4-5pm newscast (TRT :20)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported out improving economy means interest rates will remain unchanged. The Federal Reserve said although the economic outlook faces some uncertainty, it is still well balanced. The central bank cut rates 11 times last year in response to the slowing economy.

STAMP PRICES

Mar. 25, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:30)

KCAL9 David Gonzales reported that the post office is losing money and will raise stamp prices by 3 cents per stamp.

CIGARETTE MONEY

Mar. 26, 2-1pm newscast (TRT:1:50)

KCAL9 anchor Mia Lee reported that nearly 25 states are considering new taxes on tobacco. In additions to the added revenue, many legislators believe that increasing taxes on cigarettes should lower tobacco consumption. The tobacco companies say that hasn't happened in the past.

LICENSE FEES

Mar. 26, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:37)

KCAL9 anchor Jerry Dunphy reported that lawmakers are looking for new ways to boost revenue. One proposal is to raise the vehicle licensing fees. Not all state lawmakers agree that it's the solution to balancing the budget.

RISING TUITION

Mar. 27, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:19)

KCAL9 anchor Dave Gonzales reported that many colleges and universities are raising next year's tuition, in some cases, as much as 20 percent. The economic slow down is only making it worse.

CREDIT CARD RATE

Mar. 28, 12-1pm newscast (TRT 1:37)

KCAL9 Money reporter Alan Mendelson reported that interest rates on credit cards and other loans have been confusing and frustrating for many customers. Now, the consumer lobby CALPIRG says those lower rates from the Federal Reserve failed to reach many of the loans you have. CALPIRG says banks used the lower rates from the fed to boost their profits.

SODA TAX

Mar. 29, 4-5pm newscast (TRT:18)

KCAL9 anchor Leyna Nguyen reported that your favorite soft drink could soon cost you more in California. State Senator Deborah Ortiz from Sacramento is proposing a 2-cent tax increase per 12-ounce can. She says it would help fight child obesity and help the state with its

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budget shortfall. The tax would not include diet drinks and would raise about three hundred million dollars a year.